

## **ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2014-76**

**DATE:** December 3, 2014  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**PREPARED BY:** Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)  
**SUBJECT:** 2015-2018 TIP Amendment for Metro Transit: C Line Design and Engineering  
**REQUESTED ACTION:** Metro Transit requests an amendment to include in the 2015-2018 TIP, project design and engineering for the future C Line arterial bus rapid transit (ABRT) corridor in Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to include project design and engineering for future C Line ABRT corridor in Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** Metro Transit's design and engineering for a future C Line arterial bus rapid transit (ABRT) corridor in Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center will be funded with FTA Section 5307 funds and matched by Regional Transit Capital Bonds for corridor design and environmental work. No construction is included with this project. The funding is available as a result of deferral of other projects.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be funded with federal funds must be in an approved TIP and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity; and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because a previous project planned for 5307 funding in FFY 2015 is not moving forward at this time. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on September 10, 2014, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on October 6, 2014. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Public input opportunity for this amendment is provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION:** At its November 20, 2014, meeting, the Funding and Programming Committee unanimously approved the recommendation.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	November 20, 2014
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
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